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ATT: JOHN SIMMONS, EB/CSB/OCA AND DAVID KATZ, OD/OM/BC

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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCES - LATIN AMERICA

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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN ISHMAEL LARA'S AND DANE BOWEN'S PARTICIPATION IN SAN JUAN CONFERENCE. DANE BOWEN WILL BE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN PANEL DESCRIBED IN PARA. SEVEN REFTEL. EMBASSY ALSO CONCURS IN VISIT OF STUART LIPPE FROM MONTEVIDEO.

2. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CARIBBEAN SUBREGIONAL CONFERENCE WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE PUERTO RICAN DIMENSION WOULD BE QUITE USEFUL. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT PLACE BE SET ASIDE ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROMOTION OF PUERTO RICAN

EXPORTS TO LATIN AMERICA DN THE ROLE WHICH PUERTO RICO MAY PLAY IN THE PROMOTION OF US EXPORTS.

3. POSSIBLE SPEAKERS FOR ADDRESSING THIS TOPIC WOULD BE THE PUERTO RICAN SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND MR. HECTOR LEDESMA, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BANCO POPULAR IN SAN JUAN, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY CHAIRED THE PUERTO RICAN GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON EXPORT PROMOTION. CONSIDERING CARIBBEAN PENCHANT FOR GETTING AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND, THESE POTENTIAL SPEAKERS WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE MAIN CONFERENCE OR ON SEPT. 15 RATHER THAN ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON
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AND SATURDAY MORNING. PUERTO RICAN SPEAKERS MIGHT BE INVITED TO

ADDRESS AMONG OTHER THINGS THE ROLE AND EXPERIENCE OF THEIR COMMERCIAL

OFFICE IN SANTO DOMINGO.

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